

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: OREP  
SUBJ: CODEL PERCY

REF: A) PORT MORESBY 0993, B) STATE 179813

1. SENATOR AND MRS PERCY, ACCOMPANIED BY PARTY OF 12, ARRIVED IN PORT MORESBY AUGUST 5. EMBASSY OFFICER MET AND ASSISTED WITH VISA PROBLEMS OF TWO MEMBERS OF PARTY AND DROVE SENATOR PERCY INTO TOWN SO THAT HE COULD MAKE PURCHASE. PARTY DEPARTED SAME DAY FOR MOUNT HAGEN. WHILE THERE THEY WERE BRIEFED AND ASSISTED BY ANOTHER EMBASSY OFFICER IN HAGEN ON LEAVE. THEY PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO SEPIK RIVER, RETURNING TO MORESBY ON AUGUST 14. AMBASSADOR ENTERTAINED SENATOR AND NINE MEMBERS OF GROUP AT INFORMAL LUNCHEON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLEWALE, SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SIAGURU, UNDP RESREP AND OTHERS. PARTY LEFT FOR SYDNEY SAME DAY.

2. APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER FOR AUGUST 8 WAS CANCELLED (THIS WAS PREDICTABLE AS THAT WAS DAY BEFORE PARLIAMENT SELECTED NEW PRIME MINISTER, AND POLITICAL MANEUVERING WAS INTENSE.) ATTEMPTS TO RESCHEDULE APPOINTMENT ON AUGUST 14 WERE UNSUCCESSFUL AS SOMARE WAS ILL. SENATOR HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO FOREIGN MINISTER AT LUNCHEON, BUT NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE WAS SAID.

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3. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT AIRPORT UPON DEPARTURE. PERCY'S REMARKS WERE MENTIONED BRIEFLY ON RADIO NEWS SUNDAY NIGHT AND WERE LEAD STORY ON RADIO MONDAY MORNING. VISIT WAS MENTIONED BRIEFLY IN MONDAY POST-COURIER.

4. SENATOR ASKED US TO PREPARE NOTES FOR SPEECH IN SSNATE ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND WE ARE DOING SO.

5. SENATOR PERCY EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT WE RECEIVED SUCH SHORT NOTIFICATION OF VISIT (REFTEL B CONFIRMING VIST WAS DATED AUSUT 1) WHEN TRIP HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS. WE WERE SURPRISED, TOO.  
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